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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

If you have some friend or relative who has moved from Ottumwa recently, you can make them a nice Christmas present by sending them The Courier for six months or a year.

Miss Martha Hocking has returned to her home at Batavia after a two months' stay with her sister, Mrs. T. B. Shaw, 214 North Hanson street.

Harry Barmer of Dubuque, federal inspector under the migratory bird law, is an Ottumwa visitor today.

W. Hickey of St. Louis is an Ottumwa visitor today, the guest of relatives. Mr. Hickey is one of the bidders for the construction of the dams to be built by the water works.

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Will cease to trouble you by the timely use of Dr. King's New Discovery, sure relief, 50c and \$1.00.

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MOULTON MASONS IN CHARGE OF DEGREE

The third degree was conferred Thursday night at Masonic temple on a local candidate by the Moulton lodge. Samuel Richardson, W. M., was in charge of the ceremonial assisted by members of the Moulton degree team. About forty lodge members from the sister city were present as guests of Ottumwa lodge No. 16, A. F. & A. M. There were a number of short talks made by both local and visiting Masons following the work of the evening and refreshments were served in the dining room of the lodge later.

No serious excuse for selling Xmas Goods at a loss here, we don't pretend to mislead our Customers, but one and all know by years of experience, that the quality of our goods is better than is usually offered by any other store for the same price.

\$3.50 Rocking Horse, at ... \$2.89	Yarn Mittens and Gloves
65c Shoe Fly at ... 49c	48c, 24c and 10c
\$2.00 Everlasting Go-Cart \$1.48	All 5c Games at 3 for ... 10c
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90c Go-Cart at ... 49c	\$1.50 Magic Lantern, our price
60c Toy Drum at ... 69c	... \$1.25
65c Toy Drum at ... 45c	75c Magic Lantern, our price 49c
Small Drums, down to ... 10c	35c Magic Lantern, our price 24c
Toy Banks, ... 24c and 10c	\$1.50 real large size Train, our price
\$1.25 Hook and Ladder Wagon at ... 98c	... \$1.25
75c Coal Wagon, large size at 48c	75c size in Train, our price 45c
Tool Chests, 98c, 48c, and 24c	Smaller trains at ... 24c and 10c
\$1.25 Steam Engine, our price ... 98c	Boys' and Girls' Books at ... 24c, 10c, and 5c
75c Steam Engine, our price 48c	Toy Dishes at ... 48c, 24c and 10c
35c Steam Engine, our price 24c	\$2.00 Toy Piano, our price \$1.48
75c set of Building Blocks at 48c	\$1.25 Toy Piano, our price .98c
35c set of Building Blocks at 24c	65c Toy Piano, our price .49c
A B C Blocks at 24c, 10c and 3c	\$2.50 Fancy Toilet Case at .98c
Warm \$1.50 Ladies Slippers at ... \$1.25	Regular \$1 Toilet Case at .75c
\$1.25 Ladies' Warm Slippers at ... 98c	69c Toilet Case, our price .48c
\$2 Ladies Warm lined Shoes at ... \$1.75	\$1.00 Collar and Cuff Case at 75c
Warm \$1.25 Ladies Kid Mittens at ... 98c	69c Collar and Cuff Case at 48c
75c value in Ladies Kid Mittens ... 48c	Fancy Handkerchiefs ... 5c, 10c, up to 48c
	Mufflers, real nice 48c, 24c, 10c
	Men's Caps \$1 Quality at ... 69c
	Regular \$1.25 Men's Caps at 98c
	75c Grade in Men's Caps at 48c

THE FAIR
118 East Main Street

COURT RULES IN STREET CAR CASE

Judge D. M. Anderson in the district court today, ruled that for the proper continuation of the suit, it would be necessary for Edward Steller to make additional demands, in the case of Steller vs. the Ottumwa Railway & Light Co. This morning had been set by the court as the time for hearing the application for a temporary injunction commanding the company to run its cars in both directions on West Second and West Main street. The entire session was taken up with arguments on the defendant's motion to strike a portion of the plaintiff's petition. The part of the motion which had to do with asking that the plaintiff be compelled to show who would be benefited by the change was overruled.

The defendant moved first to strike out that part of the plaintiff's petition contained in paragraph four which stated: "And refuses and neglect to run cars on said track in an easterly direction, although requested by the commissioners of the city of Ottumwa to run cars in both directions on said street, has ignored said request and has refused to run cars in both directions on said street." This was objected to by the defendant because it was claimed that the plaintiff was suing as a private individual and it is wholly immaterial to him in this case what the request of the commissioners was in respect to the operations of the defendant's line of cars of West Second street and because the plaintiff cannot avail himself of the said alleged request to excuse or justify a failure to demand on his part before bringing suit. The second reason for objecting to this was because the law does not invest either said city or commissioners with the power to prosecute a mandamus proceeding in respect to the operation of cars in the city of Ottumwa.

Attacks Benefit Clause.
The company's counsel, in the second part, moved the court to strike that part of the plaintiff's petition contained in paragraph nine in which the petitioner alleges that he sues, "for himself and the benefit of a large number of people living west of Market street," because the petitioner had no right to sue except in his own behalf and has no right or power under the statute or the laws of Iowa to sue for or in behalf of anyone but himself. The defendant also moved to strike the clause in paragraph nine which read: "That the city of Ottumwa, Iowa, through its commissioners, has directed the bringing of the proceeding and that this suit is for the benefit of the city of Ottumwa," because the said allegations are immaterial and because said city had no authority or power to authorize the plaintiff nor has the plaintiff any authority to represent the city of Ottumwa in this suit.

Iowa Congressmen Want Liquor Question Put Up to the Voters

By Lawrence Todd
The Courier's Special Washington Correspondent

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—First of the Iowa congressmen to declare themselves on the submission of the national prohibition and national suffrage questions to the people have been Representative Good and Representative Haugen. Both men say that they will vote "aye" on each resolution when the roll is called in the house because they believe that the people should be given the chance to decide these national issues for themselves.

"That is my position on very issue with which the public is thoroughly familiar, and in which the keenest interest has been manifested," said Representative Good. "I want to see the public make its own decision, and I would consider any other course, in the present circumstances, as indicating a desire to prevent the public will from having effect."

"As to the issues themselves, I favor national equal suffrage. On the national prohibition question my mind is not made up."

"I am not prepared to say at this time what is my personal view either as to national prohibition or national equal suffrage," said Representative Haugen. "My vote for both resolutions in the house will be dictated by the simple reason that there are two great national questions upon which the people of the country have turned their especial attention, and it is only right that they should be given a chance to register their conclusions in each case. That is all that the adoption of the resolutions by congress will signify."

Representative Green of Iowa announces himself in favor of the prohibition resolution, but he is not ready

to say which way he will cast his vote on the suffrage measure. Representative Kirkpatrick of Ottumwa is thus far non-committal on both propositions.

Senator Kenyon views the approach of the roll call in the house with equanimity. He is convinced that both measures will ultimately be adopted, and he is willing to have the ordeal through with as soon as is convenient.

Incidentally, the junior senator from Iowa is convinced that "Billy" Sunday will have a great deal to do with the prohibition issue in the Hawkeye state. He was discussing the "dry" wave with Senator Shafroth of Colorado in a committee room the other day, and he put the question to Shafroth: "Is it true that 'Billy' Sunday is the deciding influence in turning Colorado into the prohibition column this year?"

"You bet it is!" responded the democratic ex-governor. "Sunday is responsible for turning the trick. We had a candidate for governor who misunderstood the situation, and he put an unnecessary plank opposed to the 'drys' in our platform. He was beaten by more than 30,000. Sunday was the man who stirred up Colorado to vote 'dry'."

"Well," remarked Kenyon, "I have heard it suggested, when 'Billy' Sunday has been holding these huge meetings in Des Moines, that he would repeat the thing here. It looks as though he would add a whole lot to the prohibition sentiment."

Then both senators commented, with apparent satisfaction, upon the report that \$250,000 had been raised to conduct Sunday's campaign in Philadelphia, the home of Senator Penrose.

EDDYVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert De Wilde are moving this week to a farm in Bluff Creek township.

Mrs. C. E. Baux of Hiteham, was called to Eddyville Wednesday by the serious illness of her brother Arthur Phillips.

Ed I. Ramsey of Albion, was calling on friends in Eddyville Wednesday.

Lee Warner was a business caller in Albion Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mahaffey entertained a number of friends at their home on Tuesday evening. Cards were the amusement of the evening. A two course supper was served. Those present spent a delightful evening.

Walter Lafferty who has been traveling in the south the past two years returned to Eddyville this week for a visit with his father, A. Lafferty and other relatives and friends.

Dr. Cone of Oskaloosa, was a professional caller in Eddyville Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Berry spent Wednesday in Ottumwa visiting friends.

BONAPARTE.

Mrs. Adelia Burnworth of Kansas City, is enjoying a visit at the A. H. Cummings home.

Wm. E. Parker of Bloomfield, was a recent visitor with his sister, Mrs. Emma Bridge.

Mrs. Chas. Sandford and children will spend the holidays in Canton, Ill. Mrs. J. T. Hissom of Douds, La., was a recent guest at the W. F. Proper home.

Mrs. O. F. Rule was called to Ravenswood, Mo., because of the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts have returned from a month's visit in Ohio. Word has been received here of the death of Al Sturdivant at San Diego, Cal. He formerly lived at Bonaparte, having spent most of his youth here. Jas. Easter was a recent visitor in Albion.

"The Girl of the Eagle Ranch" opera house.

Miss Vera Pearson of Eldon, is visiting her friend Miss Gertrude Cheney. Miss Margaret Johnson has returned from a several weeks visit at Hepburn.

Ray Sandon and Miss Bessie Horstman were married Wednesday of last week at the home of the bride's parents northeast of Bonaparte. Rev. James M. Wilson of Bonaparte officiating.

Mrs. Sandon is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Horstman and Mr. Sandon is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sandon of Farmington. Both are well and favorably known here.

Real Estate Transfers

Furnished by J. A. Lowenberg

C. B. Eller to L. R. Eller, part SE¼ of SE¼ of sec. 1 and NW¼ of NE¼ of sec. 12 all in T3 S2, R22W.

Lucy Jane Eller to L. R. Eller (QCD) same as above, \$1.

Neille Steele and husband to L. R. Eller, same as above \$1.00.

Phoenix Trust Co. to Lillie A. Jones et al, lot 1 block 10 City View addition and lot 1 block 3 Manning's 2nd add.

Otta, \$800.

Chas. A. Walsh trustee to Wm. Hooge-worling, part lot 339 Otta, \$7,000.

Jane Roberts et al to Amanda Roberts et al (QCD) part E¼ of SW¼ of sec. 29 and part E¼ of NW¼ of sec. 32 T3 S2, R22W.

G. F. CARSON SUCCEEDS ERNEST HEDRICK

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Carson of Floris leave Sunday for Moore, Mont., to make their future home. Mr. Carson has been elected cashier of the State bank of Moore to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of O. E. Hedrick, formerly of Ottumwa. Mr. Hedrick was elected to the Montana legislature and after the close of the session will devote his time to private interests.

STATE OFFICIALS ADMIT CHARGES

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 17.—Waiving arraignment, twelve of the thirteen officers and employees of the 1913 legislature, including Lieutenant Governor William P. O'Neill and Secretary of State Homer L. Cook, speaker of the house in 1913, pleaded not guilty today to indictments charging them with signing and presenting illegal claims for payment by the state.

Immediately after the state agents had entered their pleas, the trial was begun by the introduction of an agreed statement of the facts.

The defendants did not deny they had signed or presented the claims which the state declares were illegal. Arguments on the points of law in the case were expected to occupy most of the day.

GREEK OFFICER IS ARRESTED BY TURKS

London, Dec. 17.—Reuter's Telegram Co., has received a dispatch from its Athens correspondent saying that a Greek naval officer attached to the Greek legation at Constantinople has been court martialled and condemned to death on the charge of spying, particularly in connection with the departure of steamers from Constantinople.

The Greek minister to Turkey has protested and demanded that the condemned man be turned over to the Greek legation.

OTTUMWA IS BEING VISITED BY SNOWFALL

Feathery flakes in abundance have been falling in Ottumwa today, and give promise of a good snow fall before quitting. The storm started early in the forenoon and although the flakes were large and fell thickly, they were very light and fluffy and did not pack very solid after alighting. Slackening somewhat before noon. The indications during the afternoon pointed to a large fall before ceasing. With the continued low temperatures and the mantle of snow on the ground, the prospect for white Christmas weather is becoming more assured. The effect of the frost and snow on the evergreens along Main street, lend to the beauty of the thoroughfare and gives a holiday appearance to the business district.

BIDWELL.

Mrs. Ellen Chisman returned last week after an extended visit with relatives in South Ottumwa.

The Milwaukee company has enlarged the depot here.

Dr. D. T. Rambo of Chillicothe was a professional visitor here Wednesday.

Two cases of small pox are reported here.

Lowren and Theodore Chisman of South Ottumwa visited Sunday at the home of their grandparent, C. R. Chisman.

Mrs. James Wilkinson visited relatives in Blakesburg Tuesday.

Pearl French of Christianburg is suffering with smallpox.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Harlan of Pleasant Home visited Sunday at the Henry Oswald home.

Levi Gates of South Ottumwa visited his son, Roy, at Friday.

Mrs. Delmer Canfield visited recently in Ottumwa at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Willard.

Mrs. Doll Fiske visited her two daughters who reside in Charles City visited here in Blakesburg Sunday.

Miss Bessie Fiske and brother, Ray, destroyed.

Ottumwa Hospital

Mrs. L. Adams, 517 East Main street, has entered for medical treatment.

Mrs. E. T. Hughes of Selma and J. A. Dowell, 527 West Main street, have entered for surgical treatment.

Mrs. H. A. Brown, 614 North Court street, has returned home after medical treatment.

Mrs. Emma Edmondson and son, Mowery addition, have returned home.

WILL SELL LARGE LOT OF HOLSTEINS

IOWA DAIRY FARM TO HAVE BIG SALE OF CATTLE CLOSE TO OTTUMWA.

Next Tuesday, December 22, at the Iowa Dairy Farm, four miles west of Ottumwa, will be held the big sale of Holstein cattle. One hundred and six head will be sold that day, making it one of the largest dairy cattle sales ever held in this vicinity. The stock to be sold is of the highest quality. The state dairy inspector when in Ottumwa recently inspecting the dairies, said, "The Iowa Dairy has one of the best herds in the state."

The herd is headed by Dr. De Kol Burke No. 39,766, purchased from William J. Murray at Canastota, N. Y. These cows should remain in the community and it is to be hoped the local buyers will attend this sale.

Church Notes

The regular weekly prayer service will be held this evening at 7:45 at High Point chapel with Rev. Carl A. Montanus in charge.

Regular choir practice at the East End Presbyterian church will be held promptly at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Regular preaching services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Miller chapel with Rev. C. A. Montanus in charge.

RAILROADS WIN RATE INCREASE

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is a calamity without precedent and the fact that by it the commerce of the world has been disarranged and thrown into confusion. The means of transportation are fundamental and indispensable agencies in our industrial life and our common weal should be kept abreast of public requirements.

"The original report, besides approving a rate increase in central freight association territory, suggested ten sources of additional revenue for all carriers through official classification territory; the present report, recognizing the existence of a new situation since July 29, acquiesces in a territorial extension of the relief granted to the central freight association lines by permitting the carriers to file tariffs providing, with certain exceptions specified herein, for horizontal rate increases in official classification territory. It is expected that the constructive work suggested in the original report for the purpose of conserving and augmenting the net revenues of the carriers generally will be carried forward without interruption.

"Carriers will be required to keep an account of the additions to their revenues from increases in rates subsequent to July 29, 1914, and from new charges, and to report separately thereon to the commission at the end of twelve and twenty-four months, respectively."

After Long Fight.

The application of the eastern roads for rehearing of the rate case was made on September 15, last, on the grounds that the European war and other stated reasons had materially changed conditions since the previous decision was given.

The petition for a rehearing stated that it was made in behalf of 112 railroad companies, comprising thirty-five railroad systems in "official classification territory." It set forth that since the commission's previous decision "facts and circumstances have arisen," warranting a rehearing on the subject. Specifically it was stated that since the previous decision the complete income accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, had become available.

"The unforseen European war," the petition went on to say, "has brought about an unparalleled destruction of wealth and dislocation of credit throughout the civilized world. It is certain that the competition for capital will be keener and interest rates higher for some years to come than in any corresponding period within living memory. The emergency thus resulting is extremely serious."

Minority Opinion.

Chairman Harlan, while agreeing that the roads have expressed their need of revenue in even greater amount than \$50,000,000 which the carriers indicated would result from the five per cent increase, declares his entire "dissent from the course now approved by the commission for permitting the carriers to augment their revenues."

He said no evidence had been produced to prove that any of the proposed increased rates affecting trunk line or New England territories were just and reasonable.

"We pointed out," he said, "in our original report the sources from which the needed additional net increase and should be obtained—namely, by revision of rates and an abandonment of practices found to be unremunerative or wasteful."

"I cannot but think that a general increase in the standard rates of this country, while the rates structures of these carriers remain full of inconsistencies, discriminations and wrongful practices that deplete their revenues, is morally wrong; that the placing of additional burdens on interstate commerce that is not also placed on state commerce, is also wrong; and that the course approved in the supplemental report will ultimately be as disastrous to the carriers themselves as it will be harmful to the general interests."

GARDNER SHOWS NAVAL WEAKNESS

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destroyers. If we heeded the advice of the general board we should have a fleet of fast scouts today. How many

UNION SCHOOL IS BURNED TO GROUND

BUILDING SOUTHEAST OF AGENCY IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Agency, Dec. 17.—The Union school house No. 2 located in Washington township, about two and one-half miles southeast of here, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock.

Miss Ethel Warner of Agency, who is the teacher at the building, left about 4 o'clock and the janitor soon after when he had completed his work of cleaning the building. When the blaze was discovered by farmers living nearby the entire building was in flames and everything in it including the books, desks and other furniture was destroyed.

The insurance on the building amounts to \$700 and that which is carried on the fixtures is \$100. No arrangements have been made yet in regard to taking care of the children who have been attending the school although it is expected that some of them will attend the Ashland school while others will come to Agency.

ROAD SOCIETIES TO BE COMBINED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The merging of national road conventions in an All-American Road congress at San Francisco in 1915 during the exposition is being planned. The directors of the American Highway association have authorized a committee of two members to meet a like committee from the American Road Builders' association, these four to choose a fifth member and thus form an executive committee to handle the great road congress. The two associations named have in their own ranks or immediately identified with them practically all of the recognized official and unofficial good roads workers in the United States and Canada. At the road congress recently held in Atlanta, Ga., by the American Highway association and its allied organizations, upwards of 4,000 delegates and visitors were registered. At the convention to be held in Chicago in December, under the auspices of the American Road Builders' association, it is expected that the registration will not be far short of the Atlanta attendance. The combining of these two great meetings should result in an attendance of from 7,000 to 10,000.

Obituary

Ethel Elsie Burtlow.
Ethel Elsie Burtlow passed away at the Ottumwa hospital Friday evening at 6:45 at the age of 16 years, 10 months and 1 day. She was born in Fremont February 16, 1898, and was a member of the Christian church. She is survived by her husband, Charles Burtlow, and one son, Irving Franklin Burtlow of this city, also her father, one sister and one brother living in Harvey. The friends of the deceased may view the remains at the Daggett undertaking rooms this evening.

The remains will be taken to Fremont Saturday where funeral services will be held from the Christian church. Interment will be made in the Fremont cemetery.

TWO BURNED IN A LODGING HOUSE

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 18.—Two persons were killed and a number seriously injured in a fire which early today destroyed a large rooming house known as the "Hayloft" in the tenderloin district. A lighted lantern which hung in the hallway to light the way of late comers, and which either fell or was knocked to the floor, is believed to have started the fire.

do you think we actually have got? Just three, and those were authorized over ten years ago.

"You know that we have 56 submarines in all, built and building, good, bad and indifferent. Now comes Secretary Daniels and in a few soothing words, recommends submarines to the paltry number of eight or so."

"We have just a dozen aeroplanes in the navy. Last year the aeroplane board recommended an appropriation of \$1,300,000. Instead of that sum, according to Captain Bristol, we let the aviation service spend only \$350,000 or \$400,000. The general naval board in its current report says that we must spend \$5,000,000 on air craft. Secretary Daniels recommends no regular specific appropriation at all, but he tells us about a volunteer air craft force. Captain Bristol says that a volunteer force doesn't amount to Hannah Cook."

"Rear Admiral Straus tells us that all ships in commission now, or which will be in commission before the Nevada and the Oklahoma are completed, are equipped with a short range torpedo which may be considered obsolete for the battle fleet."

"Some persons have quoted Rear Admiral Fletcher as saying the American navy ranks ahead of that of Germany. I have searched the admiral's evidence and find that he said nothing of the sort. I don't believe that any well informed man believes our fleet to be superior to that of Germany. A year ago Rear Admiral C. E. Vreeland testified that we are third in the race, and moreover, that we are a pretty bad third, for he said that we should still be third in 1920, even if we adopted the building program of the general board."

DISMISS ACTION AGAINST RAILROAD

CASE OF CHARLES BREWER VS. BURLINGTON SETTLED—TAKE UP OTHER MATTERS.

The case of Charles Brewer vs. the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co., in which damages were sought, has been settled and dismissed at the plaintiff's costs with a judgment for the same if not paid during the term. Several other smaller matters were taken up and disposed of by the court Wednesday and this morning arguments were heard in the matter of a garnishment in the case of Thompson vs. Thompson in which the payment of alimony is involved.

In the action entitled Clara L. Byrne vs. M. L. Byrne et al., the defendant's motion to require the petitioner to appear for further cross-examination upon the motion to modify the order for temporary alimony, is overruled upon the statement of the plaintiff's counsel in open court that the plaintiff would not insist upon payment for support until the final hearing in the matter. An order in the estate of Mary Ann H. Goff fixes the time for hearing the petition for a real estate. The report of the temporary guardian in the case of proved in the guardianship of William Stephenson.

Another order provides for the widow's support, during the first year in the estate of David Jay. In the action, entitled James W. Jones vs. F. M. Reno, the plaintiff has been given until the third Monday of next term to answer but this extension of time is not to prevent the case from being assigned for trial on the call of the calendar. The case of Frank Thompson vs. Margaret Thompson has been set for hearing, on motion to dissolve injunction for Saturday and is to be made on affidavits and oral testimony.

MANY GOOD THINGS IN LOCAL MARKETS

OTTUMWA MERCHANTS HAVE BIG ARRAY OF Eatables ON LIST THIS WEEK.

The local markets are crowded this week with everything that is needed for a big Christmas dinner and the prices of the food stuff offered by the Ottumwa merchants are lower than last year. From Turkey down to the smallest essential for a big feast all is of a very good quality and Madame Housewife from now on will be able to serve both quantity and quality with reasonable cost.

Turkeys are of good quality and considerably better than those offered at Thanksgiving time and there will be a plentiful supply. They are selling at from 22½ to 29½ cents which is lower than the price asked for them last year. Chickens and ducks are in abundance and can be had at 20 cents a pound while geese are selling at 15 cents a pound.

There are plenty of good apples on the list at 5 cents a pound or \$1.75 a box. These apples are of the very best eating variety while a cheaper kind can be had at 35 cents a peck. Oranges are 30 to 50 cents a dozen and malaga grapes are 25 cents a pound.

There is a big supply of cranberries this year which can be had at 10 and 15 cents a quart while celery is 10 cents a bunch. There is an abundance of nuts on the market which are also selling at reasonable prices.

An unusually large number of small Christmas trees have been placed on the market which can be had for from 20 cents to \$1.25. Holly is selling at 15 cents a pound. Evergreens, magnolia wreaths and needle pins will be added to the list in a few days and can be had at about 15 cents.

B. C. KOONS DENIES ALL ALLEGATIONS

FORMER POLL TAX COLLECTOR FILES ANSWER TO PETITION OF THE CITY.

B. C. Koons filed answer Thursday with the clerk of the court to the petition of the city of Ottumwa against him, which involves his removal as poll tax collector. In his answer Mr. Koons denies all allegations made in the plaintiff's petition.

Two petitions filed Thursday against the C. R. I. & P. R. Co. and involve the alleged damages of land said to have been caused by water running over it on account of a change in the right of way made by the company. The plaintiffs are Joe Roth and George F. Bloss and each asks for \$600 as damages while the land involved lies west of Ottumwa along the Rock Island tracks.

Another petition filed is entitled J. F. Brady and wife vs. M. W. Cresswell and W. E. Knox, sheriffs of Wapello county. In this the plaintiffs ask for a temporary injunction to restrain a judicial sale of real estate and a restraining order which will prevent the officers from enforcing a judgment against the property that the judgment be declared null and that upon final hearing the temporary injunction be made permanent. Taylor B. Gephart vs. Phil Corral is the title of a petition in which Mr. Gephart seeks a judgment for \$6,997.92 with interest, the judgment to be decreed to be a lien on mortgaged property and for the foreclosure of the mortgage.